

Appl. No.: 10/809,053

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REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

Amendments. In the amendment above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation from claim 2 of forming the anti-drift layer "by doping anti-drift materials from said base plate," in lieu of the limitation of annealing treatment being formed after ridge processing.

Claim 2 has been amended to present the limitation of annealing treatment being formed after ridge processing.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amend to depend from claims 1 and 3, respectively.


Section 103(a) Rejection and Allowable Subject Matter. The examiner indicates, on page 2 of the Office action, that claims 2-4 and 6-8 would be allowable because the claimed invention of forming the anti-drift layer by doping anti-drift material from the base plate is not shown or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, because this limitation from claim 2 has now been incorporated into base claim 1, it is submitted that all claims are allowable as herein presented, and that the Section 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn. It is submitted that the claims are novel and non-obvious over the cited prior art references.

It is submitted that the invention is presented in clear and concise patentable terms, that all objections and rejections have been properly addressed herein, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for response to the Office action, which extension is hereby requested, to Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to promptly resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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